

Pursuing Social Justice in New Zealand

MAXIM INSTITUTE FORUM 2007

| FORUM SCHEDULE |

- 12:00 PM **Registrations Open**
- 1:00 PM **Welcome and opening address**
Greg Fleming, CEO, Maxim Institute
- 1:10 PM **Perspectives on Social Justice in New Zealand**
University of Canterbury researcher, Dr Myron Friesen, presents the results of new research into what New Zealanders think about social justice.
- 1:35 PM **Getting our hands dirty: social justice from the grass roots up**
Families Commissioner, Lyn Campbell, shares her experiences of communities transforming lives.
- 2:20 PM **The power of community and the limits of government**
Australian policy expert, Professor Peter Saunders, takes up the challenge of strengthening communities.
- 3:00 PM **Afternoon tea**
- 3:30 PM **MP Panel Discussion – How can government respond to the challenge of reinvigorating civil society in New Zealand?**
Hon Bill English (National Party)
Hon Peter Dunne (United Future Party)
Peter Brown (New Zealand First Party)
Sue Bradford (Green Party)
Other representative will be confirmed soon
- 4:40 PM **Early Start: developing a successful early intervention programme**
Leading social scientist, Professor David Fergusson, explains how successful a community intervention programme can be when it is developed from an evidence-based framework.
- 5:15 PM **Youth in crisis? The real issues about youth offending in New Zealand**
Principal Youth Court Judge, Andrew Becroft, draws on his experience to discuss the factors that contribute to youth offending.
- 6:00 PM **Book Launch – *Pursuing Social Justice in New Zealand***
His Excellency the Governor-General of New Zealand, The Honourable Anand Satyanand PCNZM, will launch a new book from Maxim Institute, *Pursuing social justice in New Zealand*.
- 7:00 PM **Dinner and Evening Programme**
Featuring community leaders, Nick Tuitasi, Rob Harley, and 3 young leaders:
Te Waka McLeod, Mari Day and Billie Paea, who will share their stories of the connecting power of communities.
Special performance by Dziah, New Zealand's own Hip Hop dance team recently ranked second in the World Hip Hop Champs 2006.

The case for connection